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Gentlemen,

The proposed settlement, plain and simple, is another way for Microsoft to attempt to dominate yet another segment of the American computer market, namely education. It is entirely consistant with MS's previous tactics of gaining a foothold in certain markets to the degree of excluding choices for the end user. The end user who is then firmly entrenched in MS's products to the degree that it becomes difficult to adopt other choices without great disruption or costs. It is an attempt to dominate, not through QUALITY, or by choice of the end user, but by SATURATION.

Did anyone doubt, that when MS began imbedding its own web browser within its MS Windows 95 operating system, that 90 percent of the American computing public would go through the effort and hassle of removing it (made nearly impossible by MS) for the sake of installing a web browser from a competing company?

Once Microsoft has donated (used) computers and (conveniently) thousands of copies of THEIR software to schools, the typical and predictable reaction is for those schools to continue to use MS's products in the future. Not because of free choice on their part, but because it would be too disruptive to look to other alternatives.

Is Microsoft sincerely concerned about devoting resources to poorer inner city education? Or is MS trying to further its monopoly?

The simple answer would be for you to ask Microsoft to donate the same amount of APPLE Computer Macintosh systems and software to those schools, and watch as MS does an about face so quickly that a giant sonic boom rumbles thru-out the land.

Would the US justice system allow a person convicted of counterfeiting US dollars to pay thier fines using the same counterfiet bills as they were convicted of printing?

Gentlemen, this company is thumbing it's nose at the antitrust laws of this country, and at YOU. It is doing it in such a blatent manner that Im shocked to see this offer even being CONSIDERED.

Please do not allow this monopolistic giant to put a stranglehold on ever more of this country's computers under the guise of "paying its penance" To do so would be to allow MS to be punished by gaining even more market share.

Thank you,

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Regards, Kelly

"The only time Microsoft will ever have a product that doesnt suck,  
is the day they start selling vacume cleaners"

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